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Mr. Edmond J. Thomas
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

NTIA has completed its examination of the Final Acts of the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03). We recommend that our proposed revisions to the National Table of Frequency Allocations be included in the Commission's WRC-03 Final Acts implementation omnibus rulemaking.

The proposed revisions are based on actions resulting from WRC-03 agenda items 1.4 (Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) and Aeronautical Radionavigation Service (ARNS) in the 5091-5150 MHz Band), 1.11 (Secondary Allocation for Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service), 1.12 (Allocations and Regulatory Issues Related to Space Science Services), 1.15 Aeronautical Radionavigation Service, 1.17 (Upgrade the Radiolocation Service to a Primary Allocation in the 2900-3100 MHz Band), and 1.23 (Realignment of Amateur and Broadcasting Services at 7 MHz). Enclosure 1 provides short summaries of the modifications to the table, by agenda item. Enclosure 2 contains our revisions to the table and shows how the table would look after implementation. NTIA previously informed the Commission that an upgrade to the non-Government Earth exploration-satellite service (space-to-Earth) in the band 25.5-27 GHz should be done in conjunction with WRC-03 implementation.¹ Therefore, we include a proposed revision regarding that issue. Furthermore, based on the need to update the radio astronomy locations in US203, NTIA is recommending modifications to US203.

A number of other WRC-03 agenda items and associated issues not covered here may require future proceedings. NTIA and Commission staff should work together to develop a schedule for addressing the remaining issues.

I appreciate the excellent cooperation from the Commission's staff during NTIA's development of these revisions of the National Table based the WRC-03 Final Acts. NTIA looks forward to working with the Commission to ensure that the hard-won results of WRC-03 are incorporated in an expeditious manner into our national allocation table. Vernita Harris (202-482-4686; vharris@ntia.doc.gov) from my staff will be the NTIA point-of-contact on this issue.

Sincerely,

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¹See Letter from Fredrick R. Wentland, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA to Edmond J. Thomas, Chief, OET, FCC, dated September 25, 2003.